

Appl. No. 10/714,012
Amdt. dated June 21, 2005
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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-4 are present in the application. No claims are amended herein. No claims have been allowed.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Liao (U.S. 6,188,077) in view of Liao (U.S. 6,528,714).

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Liao (U.S. 6,188,077) in view of Lombardi (U.S. 6,822,150).

Applicant respectfully traverses.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's assertion in that the cited patent U.S. 6,528,714 neither discloses nor teaches the use of a pair of ribs formed on opposed sides of the base (40) and a pair of guiding grooves (111) oppositely defined in a bottom portion of the bracket (11) of the drum, stand (10) to correspond to and receive therein the pair of ribs (43).

On review of the cited '714 patent, it is learned that the base (34) is connected to the post (31) of the drum stand via the engaging elements, i.e., threaded bolts (314), extending through the fastening apertures (313) so that the base (34) is secured to the drum stand. However, without the provision of the ribs formed on opposed sides of the base (40) and a pair of guiding

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grooves (111) oppositely defined in a bottom portion of the bracket (11) of the drum stand (10), the connection between the base (34) to the drum stand of the '714 patent is not secured. That is, the base (34) may still be rocked relative to the post of the drum stand.

In contrast to the cited '714 patent, it is noted that in the present application, after the pair of threaded bolts (44) are received in the corresponding notches in the bracket (11) and after the two ribs (43) of the base (40) are received in the corresponding grooves (111), the engagement between the base (40) and the bracket (11) is secured and not movable whatsoever.

As a result, applicant deems that the structure of the referenced application is not the same as that of the cited patent such that a reconsideration of the referenced application is respectfully sought and early granting of the referenced application is requested. It is respectfully submitted that the combination proposed by the Examiner would not produce applicant's claimed invention as claimed in claims 1 and 2.

With respect to the rejection of claims 3 and 4, applicant respectfully believes that there is no teaching or suggestion in the combination of Liao and Lobardi of a pair of guiding grooves oppositely defined in a bottom portion of the base, a pair of notches oppositely defined in a mediate portion of the base, a pair of ribs formed on a bottom portion of the bracket to correspond to and receive therein the ribs and a pair of rods

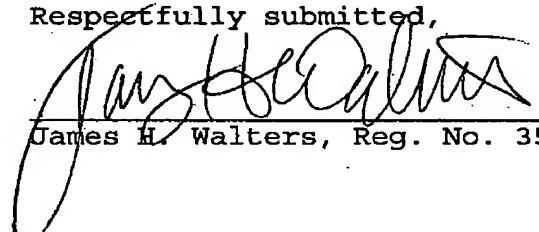
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formed on a mediate portion of the bracket to correspond to and receive therein the notches. No such ribs/grooves and notches with the claimed interrelation and interaction is taught or suggested.

In light of the above noted remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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